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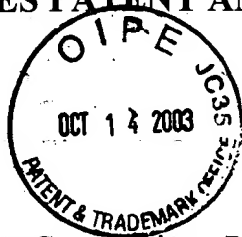
Application No.: 09/582,926

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For: Sustained Release Compositions, Process
for Producing the Same and Utilization
Thereof

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Amendment B

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002 (Paper No. 13), please consider the following amendment and remarks. Appendix A with two supplemental references, Appendix B with two supplemental references, a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the \$420.00 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(2) fee accompany this response.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 1, 3 and 15 for the claims 1, 3 and 15 now pending in the above-identified application.